FISCAL NOTE

HB 163 - SB 215

January 31, 2001

SUMMARY OF BILL: Expands the number of schools, from five schools in each grand division to five LEAs in each grand division, that will be randomly selected by the Commissioner of Education to submit a report on conflict resolution intervention programs implemented during the previous school year in their respective LEA. The report would include the number of students in the programs, the conflict resolution strategies used, and the length and the results of the programs.

Present law requires each LEA to implement a conflict resolution intervention program in grades 1 and 2 and encourages each LEA to implement conflict resolution intervention programs in grades 3-6.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase Local Govt. Expenditures - Not Significant

Estimate assumes:

- conflict resolution is currently part of the school counselor curriculum. There will be an additional cost to LEAs to prepare and file the annual report with the Commissioner of Education.
- the reporting requirements set out in the bill will require one staff person at each of the LEAs two weeks to accomplish; however, it is assumed that additional staff will not be hired to perform this task.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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